

Morgantown Museum Commission
Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2014

Present: Pam Ball, Rick McEwuen, Matt Held, Michael Mackert, Christie Venham, Charlie Byrer

Pam Ball called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. Minutes from the November meeting were approved as written.

Pam announced we did not get the grant from Sen. Beach's office. The check from the WV Humanities Council mini-grant of \$1300.00 should be arriving soon.

Michael said the furnace condensate pump had gone bad and caused water to be spilled out on to the floor of the mechanical room. The pump has since been replaced.

Matt said the Greenspace Coalition would be a good ally in the quest to get City or County ownership of Kern's Fort. He will talk with some representatives.

A vote was taken and it was decided to apply for another Americorp member for the fall, probably starting in September.

Michael presented a list of items needed for the museum. Included in the list were such items as a first aid kit, display case for the Bicentennial quilt, "flash" memory sticks, an external hard drive, archival supplies, and tools. The problem of extremely low humidity at this time of the year, and the associated problems with artifacts drying out were discussed. Several items and some of the woodwork around the office area are cracking due to the low humidity levels. The current HVAC system has had continual problems since it was installed. The overall air handling system needs to be reviewed and probably replaced with a system that can have the capability of more even humidity level control. This is a project that needs addressed soon.

Michael presented a proposal for advertising on the local busses. All present agreed this was a good idea and we should proceed with it.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM

Rick McEwuen, secretary